

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 5 has been canceled.

Claims 1-4 and 7-16 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting over claims 1-10 of Cohen et al. ('031) in view of Nguyen ('494). However, the Examiner will notice in the priority claim that the '031 patent bears serial number 09/371,460, and that this application is a continuation-in-part of the '460 application, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference. Accordingly, apart from the fact that there is no teaching or suggestion from the prior art to combine the references cited by the Examiner, the '031 patent to Cohen is not prior art.

Applicant believes all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

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